

## **Our Exalted Supreme Commander and His Evil Nemesis**

- There are two armies in the battle for good and evil. One is the army of liars and evil led by the supreme liar and murderer.
- The other is an army of holiness and truth lead by Him, the Son of Man, who is truth and holiness.
- Our army is headquartered in heaven. The army of evil is headquartered in hell.
- The evil one commands by deceit and intimidation. The Righteous One commands by Grace and Truth.

-Jesus the Son of Man earned His position of Lordship through the cross. *Phil 2: 8-10*

*<sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Matt 28: 16-18*

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

- Jesus is the eternal true God and Lord of this universe with all authority and power.
- Satan is the temporary god of this world system with restrained authority and power.
- He can only do what God allows. The strength of his authority is sin. Sin is his foothold in individual Christian’s lives and the life of the church.

Isaiah 14:12-15

*“How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,  
son of the morning! How you are cut down to  
the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

*<sup>13</sup>For you have said in your heart:*

*‘I will ascend into heaven,  
I will exalt my throne above the stars of God;  
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation  
On the farthest sides of the north;*

*<sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,  
I will be like the Most High.’*

***<sup>12</sup>Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.***

**Ezekiel 28:12-<sup>3</sup>**

***“You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.***

***<sup>13</sup>You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering,***

***sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper,***

***sapphire, emerald, and carbuncle; and crafted in gold were your settings and your engravings.***

***On the day that you were created they were prepared.***

***<sup>14</sup>You were an anointed guardian cherub.***

***I placed you; you were on the holy mountain of God; in the midst of the stones of fire you walked.***

-Satan is a usurper gaining his position by deceitfully stealing it from Adam. He is ferociously jealous of the throne of Christ. Because he cannot dethrone Christ, he seeks to dethrone Him in believers’ hearts and local churches.

-His tactics against the church include counterfeiting the works of the Holy Spirit especially seen during times of genuine revival and awakenings.

-By sowing seeds of doubt and fear he seeks to destroy the faith of believers. By encouraging the self life he wishes to bring conflict and disunity to local churches.

-Through sin in general he wishes to hinder and even destroy holiness in believers and local churches. Ultimately he wants to bring dishonor to the name of Jesus and hinder His purposes.

***Matt 24:24***

**For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.**

***2 Thess 2:9,10***

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***<sup>1</sup> You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created, till unrighteousness was found in you.***

***<sup>2</sup> In the abundance of your trade you were filled with violence in your midst, and you sinned;***

***so I cast you as a profane thing from the mountain of God, and I destroyed you, O guardian cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.***

***<sup>3</sup> Your heart was proud because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor.***

***I cast you to the ground;***

***I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you***

<sup>9</sup>The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup>and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

-As Joshua led the Israelites to displace the Canaanites in the promised land so Commander Jesus leads his holy army, the church, come down from heaven to displace Satan and sin and set the captives free.